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DEGRADATION ELECTRICAL CONNECTION ON A PRINTED

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AMENDMENT/REPLY

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment/Reply accompanies a concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 and is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 7, 2006. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: